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He Kyng our soueraygne lord Hen-
rye the viii. after the conquest, by the
grace of God king of England and of
Fraunce and lord of Irelande, at his
parlyamente holden at London, the
xv. day of April in the viii. yeare of his
moste noble reygne: and from thence adiourned to
Westminster the last day of July the xv. yeare of his
sayde reigne, and there holden to the honour of Al-
mighty G O D and of holiye Churche, and for the
wealthe and profytte of thys hys Realme, by the as-
sent of the lords spiritual and temporall, & the com-
mons in thys presente parliament assembled, &
by aucthorite of the same, hath, doo, to be
ordeined, made, & enacted, certaine
statutes and ordynaunces in
maner and fourme
folowing.

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Or as much as marchaunt straungers, studiynge and ymagineynge the policies, wayes and meanes sette abworke the people inhabited in foreine countreis and regions, with a by þ comodities of this realme, and to bring the kynges naturall subiectes from occupacion to idlenes, do dayly conueigh, transperte and cary out of this realme of Englannde (for theyr owne singular lucte) a greate numbre of brode whyte wolle clothes, to be coloured died and brought in divers and sondrie partes beyond the sea: to the greate encrease comforthe profit and aduaantage of the people inhabited in the saide outwarde and forein regions, and to þ bitter ruine decay, impouerishing, and vndoyng of a greate numbre of the kynges owne naturall subiectes. And for the effectuall furtherance of the sayd euell ententes and purposes in the premisses the said marchant straungers, as well by colour of enhansyng of price of the sayde clothes for longe dayes of payment as by fayre promises and subtill adulacyons haue herfore gotte and regrated into their handes an innumerable numbre of the sayd clothes vpon their credence, amounting vnto great summes of money farre exceeding theire owne valours & substance which sommes of money many and oftentimes they haue not paied according to their appointementes, whereby the makers of the said clothes, subtilly compassed by and with their faire and flattering promises, haue sustayned importable losses, to the greate impouerishing of this the kynges owne realme, and to the enriching of the regions and countreis of foreine princes.

For remedye wherof be it enacted by þ kynge our soueraigne lord and the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by autoritie of the same, that from the feast of saynte Mighell the archangell next comming no perso or persons, inhabited with in this realme, of what estate, degree or condicion so ever he be of, shall sell or deliuer or cause to be solde or deliuered within this realme, by contracte conuenant bargaine gylte or any of them, or otherwyse to any marchaunt or marchantes straungers, being borne in any of the partyes beyond þ sea or els where, out of the kynges obeisance, or to any of his or their factoures deputies, or attourneis, straungers, or Englyshmen, to the vse of the sayde marchant or marchantes straungers any maner of brode whyte wollen clothes, made or hereafter to be made within this realme of Englannde, vpon peine to forfaite. xl. s. for every clothe solde or deliuered after the sayd feaste of saynte Mighell, contrary to the effect and forme of this present acte, the one halfe of every such forfayture to be to the vse of our soueraygne lord þ kyng & the other halfe therof to be to the persone or persons other than the offender that will firste sue for the same, by originall of debte bill, playnte or informacion, in any of the kynges courtes, after the bluall course of the

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lawes and customes of the realme: In which sute or actio the defendant or defendants shall not be admitted to wage their law, ne any Essoyne, licence or protection shalbe allowed.

Provided alwaye, that if any person or persons beyng the kinges naturall subiectes conueighe and bring, or cause to be conueighed and brought, any brode whyte wollen cloth or clothes to the common market, kept and holden in Black wel hal within the citye of London, and do not ther eor eis wher bargaining vster and sell the sayd cloth or clothes thither brought to or with some Englishe marchante or marchaunte within viii. dayes, next after the sayd cloth or clothes shalbe brought and shewed to sell in the sayd market: That than it shalbe lefull to any such person or persons imediately after the sayde viii. dayes, and not before, to contracte, bargaining vster sell and deliuer his or their sayde cloth, or clothes, so brought and shewed, at and in the sayd market, as is before sayde, and being unsold, to any and every marchaunt straunger or straungers, beinge privileged and having libertie to contract and bie wollen clothes freely and openly within the libertie of þ sayd citie of London. So that the said marchant or marchaunte straungers do pay and deliuer for the sayd cloth or clothes so by hym or them to be bought without couin or male ingia, at and vpon the receipt of the sayd cloth or clothes, or within one moneth next ensuyng the sayd sale and deliuerie of the sayd cloth or clothes, or within lesse tym, at the will of the seller therof, all such hole and entier sommes of redy money or wares, or redie mony and wares, or any of them, as was agreed & contracted to be had for the sayde clothes, by the sayde sellers or seller of them, without any other or further respite or dayes of paimente to be had, made or agreed, in any behalfe, any thing before contained in this present acte to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Provided also that this present act or any thing therin contained bee not in any wyse hurtful or prejudicial to any of the kinges subiectes for or concerning the deliuerie of any such wollen clothes to any marchaunt, or marchaunte straungers, by reason of any bargaining or sale made by them or any of them, of the said clothes before the twenty day of Iulie in the xv yere of kyng Henry the viii. But that the sayde kynges subiectes may freely and quietly deliuer or cause to be deliuered the sayd clothes, so bargaining and bought before the said xx. day of Iulie without any penalty or forfaiture, any thing in this present acte contained to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Cand be it enacted by auctority aforesayde, that no person or persons at any tyme hereafter, and before the sayd feast of saynt Mighell, bargaining or sell to any marchaunt or marchaunte straungers any such brode white wollen clothes, to be deliuered unto the sayd marchaunt or marchaunte straungers at any tyme after the same feast of saynt Mighell to the intent to defraud the effect a trewo meaning of this estatute, vpon the peyne before limited and expressed:

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¶ And furthermore be it prouided that euery of the kinges naturall subiectes, at their liberties and pleasures, may any tyme hereafter sell and deliuer for redy money or wares, or for redy mony and wares, or any of them to be payed & deliuered as is aforesayd to any marchaunt or marchauntes straungers, al maner of brode white wollen clothes made or to be made in Coggishal, Bockyng, Blanctre, or any of them, and whyte clothes calld Eleinforthes, and all maner of whyte brode wollen clothes with criss pillistes, otherwise called bastardes: so that euery of the said whyte wolle clothes, contained in this prouise, contein in length xxvii. yarde at y least or aboue at the water, any thing in this present act contayned to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ And ouer this be it further prouided, ordeined and enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that it shall be lefull to every person or persones, beinge the kinges naturall subiectes, to vtter, bargaine, contracte, selle and deliuer all maner of whyte brode wollen clothes to any marchaunt or marchauntes straungers, in and at all common faires to be holden and kepte, within any place or places in this realme: And also to all and every marchaunte straunger or straungers, repairing from forreine countries by the sea, to any portes or crekes within this realme with any vittail, or other marchandise, at al tymes from tyme to tyme: So that all such clothes, so or in any other wyse hereafter to be bargained and sold to any marchaunte or marchauntes straungers as is before sayd be alwaies sold and deliuered without couin or male ingin for redy money or wares, or for redy money, & wares or any of them, to be payed and deliuered at such tyme or tymes, as is before limittid without any other or further respite or dayes of paymente to be had accorded and agreed in any behalfe, any thing in this present act conteined to the contrarie therof notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde that no person or persons, which do sell their wollen clothe or clothes to any citizen and free man of London, without the liberty of the sayde citye and before the sayde cloth or clothes be conueighed and brought within the same citie shall not be compelled by any perso or persones to bringe their sayde cloth or clothes sold in fourme aboue said to the market called Blackwell hal within the sayd citee ne to pay any tolle custome or other imposition for any libertye or ease to be had in the same Halle, for any suche clothe or clothes so solde but may freely at their pleasure, bringe conueigh & deliuer their saide clothe or clothes immediatly to the house or houses of such citizen and free men, as did bye the same in fourme aforesayde without any lette or disturbance in any behalfe.

¶ And if any clothmaker, or other person be letted or disturbed contrarye to this acce thā the letter or disturber to forfait to the owner of y said cloth or clothes, for every cloth letted or disturbed to the contrary hereof .xii. d. for which forfaiure y sayd owner shall haue his remedy against y said letter or disturber, by action or plainte of debt in any of the kynges courtes:

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In which action or plaint þ defendant or defendantes shall not wage their lawe ne any essoine, licence. or protection shall be allowed, this acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

þ provided alwaies that this acte extende not to northerne whytes com-
monly named and called dosing, made in þ Norþe parties of this realme.

An acte concerning straungers artificers for taking of ap-
prentices, iourneimen, and couenant seruantes. C.ii

BIt enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord & the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that no maner of straunger borne out of the kinges obeisaunce be he denizē or not denizen vsing any maner of hādi craft with in this realme, shall take frō hensþe any appen-
tice except the same apprentice be borne vnder the kinges obeisaunce, vpon peine to forfait for every apprentice, that he shall take contrary to this acte x.li. the one halfe therof to our soueraigne lord the kinge, the other halfe to him or them that will sue for it, be it by action of dett, byl, plainte, infor-
macion, or otherwile: in which sute the defendant shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any essoine, licence, or protection to be allowed.

þ Be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, and vnder lyke peine to be forfaitcd and recovered as is aforesayd that no straunger being alien born, and vsing any maner of handye craft within this realme, from the feast of al saintes next ensuing, shal in any maner of wise, vse, take, reteine or kepe into his or their seruises any maner of iourneimen or couenant seruaunt aboue the numbre of ii: at one tyme, excepte the same iourneiman or coue-
naunt seruaunt be borne vnder the kinges obeisaunce

And ouer this be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid that all maner of per-
sons being aliens borne, vsing any maner of handye crafte, be they denizens or not denizens and inhabited within the citye of London, or suburbs of the same within the towne of westminster, the parish of saynct Martyn in the field, the parish of our lady of the Strand, sainct Clement of Danes, without temple barr, sainct Giles in the field, sainct Andrewe in hol-
burne, in the towne & borrough of Southwarke, Shordiche, whyte Cha-
pell parish, sainct John streete, the parish of Clerkenwel saincte Botol-
phes parish without Algate, saincte Catherins, Barmondsay streete or
within two miles cōpass of the said citie of Lōdō, or the parishes aforesaid
shalbe vnder the serche & reformaciō of the wardens and the felowshippes
of handye crafte within the sayd citie of Lōdō with one substancial strā-
nger being an houholder of the same craft, by the same wardens to be cho-
sen that is to say enery such straunger, occupying any misterie or hādi craft
as is aforesayd shalbe vnder the serch & reformacion of the wardens, and
one substanciall straunger, being an houholder of that craft that thei shal
so occupie. And that the wardens of the said citie of every such handye craft
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with one straunger or houholder as is aforesayd of the same craft, haue full power and auctoritie, by this present act to limitte & appoyn to euery straunger of the mistery a handy craft that they be of, inhabitinge within the sayde citee, suburbs, places or precincte, aboue remembred, a proper marke, without taking any thing therfore by the whiche their wares, vesseles and workmanshippes that they make, may be knowne. And that the wardens of euery such handy craft, and misterye aforesayde calling to the one straunger of þ misterie and occupacio, that they be of being an houholder, shal haue full power and auctoritie, to serch view and resourne, as well within the sayd citee of London, as in all other places & limittes before sayde all maner of wares of workmanshippes, made by any maner of such handy crakte men being aliens borne, as is before sayde.

¶ And that no straunger borne out of the kyngs obesiance vsinge any of the misteries or occupacions of smithes, ioigners, or coupers shall make any maner of wares, or vesseles, concerning the same misteries or occupacions, excepte that they and euery of them put to such markes to euery of the same wares & vesseles before they shalbe put to sale, or vse as the wardens of their occupacions, craftes, or misteries shall limitt and appoynte, without taking any thing therfore vpon peyne of forfayture the double valure of the same wares and vesseles: The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the king our soueraigne lord the other halfe to the party that first will sue for the same by action of dette, bille, plaint or informacio in whiche the defendant shal not wage his lawe, nor any esjoyne shalbe cast, or protection allowed.

And further it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if vpon any such serche or viewe ito be made by þ wardens and one straunger of any crafe or misterie, before sayd, after the fourme of this estatute, in vesseles or wares to be found in the possession of the workers, or owners therof putting the same vesseles or wares, to workmanship of any straunger falsely and disceitfully made, to the hurte of the kinges liege people, and so adiudged by the sayd wardens and one straunger: that then such worker or owner, in whose possession the same false and disceitfull wares shalbe found, shall forfai the same wares, the one halfe therof to þ king our soueraigne lord and þ other halfe therof to the first finder therof suing for the same in any of the kinges courtes by action of detinue, in whiche action þ defendant nor defendantes shal not be admitted to wage their lawe nor protection ne esjoyne be to them herein allowable.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all wardens and maysters of felowshippes of all and euery such handy craftes within any suche citye, boroughe or towne corporate within this realme where any suche wardens happen to be, and in suche boroughes and townes corporate, where no wardens of handy crafts are the bayliffes, or þ gouernour or gouernours of the same boroughes or townes, so lacking wardens, shal haue lyke power and auctoritie with the baillif or baillifes of the libertyes with

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with them where any such libertye shalbe, being content so to do, to vise, serche, and refourme straungers, borne out of the kinges obeisance, inhabitinge and vslinge within any suche citye, boroughe, or towne, corporat, any maner of handy craft, in as large and ample maner as the sayde wardens and felowshippes of þ said citie of London may do by vertue of this present acte. And that all straungers vsling any of the sayde handy craftes in any of the said cities boroughes or townes, corporat, be bounden to do and obay in euery thing, according to the tenour of this present acte vpon lyke peines and forfaitures as is aboue remembred, to be had and recouered in fourme aboue rehersed.

Provided alwaie that if þ wardens of any felowship or mistery before-sayd, bayliffes gouvencour or gouernoures before-sayd, wrongfully will entreat any straunger in executinge of this act, or any thinge therin contyned: that than the straunger so greeued, may by auctorite of this acte by byll or informacion, complaine to the lord Chauncellour and Tresorer of England, or the Justices of assise in the countie for the tyme being, whiche by their examinacions shal haue ful power and auctorite to heare and determine the same complaynt, and award to the partie complainant such amendes, as by their discrecions shal be thought reasonable.

Provided also that it shalbe lawful for and to euery the said straungers boþne out of the kinges obeisance, being a housholder to haue and retaine as well all and euery such straunger borne out of the kynges obeisance, being the tyme of this parliament with him reteined as a iurneman as to haue and retaine euery such straunger being borne out of the kinges obeisance being a prentise with him the tyme of this parliament this act notwithstanding. This to endure to the last day of the next parliament.

Provided also that this act extend not to thinhabitautes straungers that nowe be or hereafter shalbe, in the vniuersytys of Oxford, or Cambridge or within the saintuarie of saint Martins le graunde, within the said citee of London.

Provided alwaies, that if the said wardens of the said citie of London, with a straunger, or gouernour or gouernours, of any citye or borough corporat within this realme, refuse to marke the wares of any straunger, after that they be required so to marke that þā it shalbe lawful to þ same straunger or straungers, to whom such refusal shallbe made to sel and put to sale his sayd wares, so required to be marked & refused this act notwithstanding. **P**rovided also, that this acte extende not to any other handicrafe, than to the craftes of ioigners, pouchmakers, coupers, and blacke smithes, for or concerning the foresaid article of marking of wares of the said estrangers. Also that it shalbe lawful to any lord of the parliaamente, and every other of þ kinges subiectes hauinge landes and tenementes to the yerely value of one, £, poundes, to take & reteine estrangers ioigners and glasiers in their seruice, from tyme to tyme, to and for the exercysyng with them their craftes, this act notwithstanding.

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An acte concernyng worstede weauers in Yarmouth & Linne. Ca. iii.

Because it is discretely considered in this presente parliament, that the trew making & draping of worsteds, saies, & stamins is one of y most profitable occupations of this realm: And that the same worstedes, saies and stamins truely and substancially made and wrought, bene righte acceptable and commodious marchaundises, as well in this realm of England, as in other foreine regions and countreis, for estableishmente and good order whereof, dyuers good and lawdable estatutes, actes, & ordinances, heretofore haue bene made and enacted: and namely in a parliament holden at westminster the third day of June, in the seuenth yere of the raygne of the late kinge of famous memory Edward the fourth. Sithē whiche parliament y makynge of the sayd worstedes, saies, and stamins hath much encreased & bene multipliyed, in the citye of Norwiche, and in dyuers townes & places in y countie of Norffolke. And because the townes of great Yarmouth and Linne in the sayd countye ben townes corporated, and the inhabitauntes of y same townes now dayly pratise and use the making and draping of the sayd clothes of worstedes, saies and stamins, more busily and diligently than they haue done in tymes past, to whom it is peinefull and costly to transporthe and conueighe their said clothes to the said citie of Norwiche, or to places within the sayd countie of Norffolke, whiche ben farre distaunt from ether of the said townes to be serched and sealed by y wardens of the worsted weauers of the same citye of Norwiche or county according to the sayd act of parliament made the sayd vii. yere of kinge Edward the fourthe. It is therfore ordeined, established and enacted, by the king our soueraigne lord, and by the lordes spiritual and temporall & the commons in this presente parliament and by auctorite of the same, that the craftes men called wo-
sted weauers, inhabited in the sayde towne of greate yarmouth shall haue power and auctorite by this present acte fro henceforth to elect and chose perely for ever in the munday next after the feaste of penticost one honest man of y same misterie and occupacion being an householder within the sayd towne of greate yarmouth & hauing of his propet goodes and cattells to the value of x. li. at the least, or landes & tenementes to his owne use, of the estate of freehold at the least to the clere perely value of x. s. to be warden of the same craft & misterie for the yere next ensuing, whiche ma so elected and chose shall personally appear before y mayre of the said citie of Norwiche, for the tyme being the monday next after the feast of Corpus Christi than next ensuing, than and there to be sworne and charged by lyke othe, concerning the trew and substancial making of y said clothes within y said towne of greate Yarmouth, as y fourre wardens of y said citie of Norwiche, by vertue of the sayd acte of parliament made in y said vii. yere of king Edward the iii. bene charged and sworne for the same citye of Norwiche and if y said maire happē to be absent y said monday after Corpus Christi or els

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or els than refuseth to receive or take the said oþre: than the said warden so elect, within four daies next after the same munday shall come before the bayliffes of the said towne of great yarmouth for the tyme being, or before one of them, the other being absent: & than and their receive a corporal oþre, for the tƿo exercising of the same office of wardenship, after the tenour of the oþre accustomably vsed to be geuen to þe said wardens of the said citie of Norwich. And thā þe said warden of the said towne of great Yarmouth for that tyme being, so electe & sworne may ordaine & apoynt a seale with this letter. B. to be graue in the same seale, and maye haue full power and auctorite to view, serche, & seale in lead with the same seale, so to be appoynted a engrauen & none other, all woþstedes, saies & stamins within the sayd towne of yarmouth, & suburbs of the same, made or to bee made & not els where, in as large & ample maner, as the sayd wardens of the said citye of Norwich, & wardens of þe said countie of Norff. or any of thē hath or haue within the sayd citye, or countie, or in any wise may doe in that behalfe, by auctoritee or vertue of the before remembred act, made in the sayd viii. yere of king Edward the fourth, any thing in the same act cōtained to þe contrary notwithstanding. And that no person inhabited within þe said towne of great yarmouth, or suburbs therof weave any woþstede saies or stamins within the same towne, expte he be an English man borne and haue bē apprentice to the sayd occupaciō, and without he weave ther suchē proper marke as shalbe limited and appoynted by the saide warden of the said towne, for the tyme being, elect and sworne, as is afore said vpon peine of forfayture therof to the king our soueriayne lord: And that every warden of þe said towne shal limite distincte and sevrall markes to every of the said woþstede weavers of þe same towne of great yarmouth, & þe same markes by the said warden to be regestred in aboike.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayd, that if and whatsoeuer hereafter þe said towne of Lynne shalbe inhabited with ten sondri householders, or more number of householders, exercising a vsing þe sayde crafte or misterie of woþstede weavers, thā and from thensforth, that is to saye as long as the same towne of Lynne shalbe inhabited with the number of tē such householders at the least, it shallbe lefull to the same inhabitautes of the sayd towne of Lynne yereþly in the munday next after the feast of Pentecost, to electe and choose of themselfe one warden of the sayd crafte and misterie of woþstede weavers, to be of the value in landes & goodes as is before saide of the warden of yarmouth: which warden so electe shall yereþly be sworne and charged at the sayd citye of Norwich, in lyke maner and at lyke daye, as is before limited to the wardens of yarmouth. Or in defaute of the sayde mayre of Norwich than the sayde warden so to be electe for þe sayd towne of Lynne to take a corporal oþre before the maire of þe said towne of Lynne, within suchē tyme, and after suchē fourme, as is before limited vnto the warden of yarmouth. And that the sayd warden of the sayd towne of Lynne oþþ tyme being, so electe and sworne, by himselfe

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may ordeine & apoinct a seale, with this letter. L. to be grauen in the same seale, and may haue full power & auctorite to bie we, serche, cease, and seale in lead with the same seale, so to be engrauen, and with none other, all worstedes, saies, and stamins, within the sayde towne of Linne, and suburbs of the same, made or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner as the sayd warden of the Citye of Norwich, and wardens of the sayde county of Norff, or any of them hath or haue within the sayd City of countye, or other wise may do by auctority or vertue of the before remembred act, made in the sayd viij. yere of kinge Edward the fourth, any thing conteined in the same act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that no person inhabited within the sayd towne of Linne, or suburbs therof, make any worstedes, saies, or stamins within the same towne, except he be an Englishman borne, and haue ben apprentice to the same occupation, & without he weave therin such propre marke as shalbe limited and appointed by the sayd warden of the same towne of Lin, for the tyme being, vpon peine & forfaiture therof to the king our soueraigne lord: And that every warden of the sayd towne shall limit distinct and severall markes to euerye of the worstede weauers of the same towne, and the same markes by the sayd warden to be regestred in a booke.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that from the feast of saint Michaell tharchaungell next comming, vnto such tyme as the sayd towne of Lin shall be inhabited with the sayd number of ten housholders of the sayd craft of worstede weauers, & alwaies after, whan that number of ten housholders shall happen to faile, & not be inhabited in y sayd towne of Lin, the sayd wardens of the sayd city of Norwiche, & their successors, shal procure and cause one of them selues, or one of the wardens of y sayde craft of the sayde county of Norffolke, personally to come & be euery. xxviii. day from and after the saide feast of saint Michaell the archangell, in and to the sayd towne of Lyn, or within sixe dayes next after euery such. xxviii. daye, and there to continue and abide by so longe tyme as hee maye serche and seale all such worstedes, saies, and stamins, made in the same towne of Lynne, as than shall be broughte to hym to be sealed, wrythyn the space of one hole daye. And the sayde Inhabitauntes of worstede weauers, of the same towne of Lyn beyng, shall content and paye to the sayd warden of Norwiche or Norff, whiche shall so come to Linne, in the sayd. xxviii. daye, or within sixe dayes nexte after the sayde. xxviii. day, for hys costes and expences, for euery tyme that he shall so come to Lynne, betwene the feastes of Sancte Michaell the archangell, and the Annunciation of our Ladye Sancte Marye. iii. s. and for euerye tyme that hee shall so come to the sayde towne of Linne betwene the feaste of the Annunciation of our Lady, & the feaste of saint Michaell the archangell. ii. s. And if the sayde inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the sayd towne of Lin, do not content and pay to the sayd warden comminge to Lyn, in forme aforesayd, for the sayde costes and charges, the sayde .iii. s. or .ii. s. as is aboue lymytted, than the same inhabitauntes

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inhabitauntes shall forfaite and paye to the sayde warden, or to his executors, for every such default of payment xl.s: And if none of the sayd wardens of Norwich and Northfolke, come to the sayd towne of Linne, for y^e cause aforesayd, in maner and forme aboue remembred: than the said wardens of the said cittie of Norwich shal forfaite and pay to the sayd inhabitauntes of Linne, of the said misterie of worstede weauers, for every such default xl.s. For recompence of which penalty and forfaites the sayd wardens of Norwich or Norff, being therunto entitled by this present act, by his proper name with this addicion. That is to say: Vnius gardianorum, or nuper vnius gardianoru^m artis sive misteriæ textorum panni lanci vocat. VVorstedes in ciuitate Norwich, vel comit. Norffolke, as y^e truth requyret, shal and may haue action of det by writ, bill, or plaintee in any competent or lawfull court of this realme against the saide inhabitauntes of Linne, of the sayde mistry for the time being by they^r sondry proper names. And the sayde inhabitauntes by they^r sayd names, wyth this addicioⁿ Textorum panni lanci voc. VVorstedes, inhabitantes ville de Linne, shall and maye haue like actions of dette against the sayd wardeins of Norwich, by the name of Gardiani artis sive misteriæ textorum pannorum laneorum voc. VVorstedes in fr a ciuitatem Norwy. com. Norff. To be v^eled in good congruites of laten, and fourme of the lawes of this realme. In which actions, or any of them, none esloine, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe suffered or allowed. And that the particular bodies or goods of any of the sayd wardeines or inhabitauntes, beinge condemned in any of the sayde actions, shall and maye be put in execution, after suche manner and forme as is v^eled in actions of debt, by course of the common lawe of this Realme.

And moreouer be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that al clothes of worstedes, saies, and stamins, made or to bee made within any of the sayde townes of Lyn & great Parmouth, or suburbes of the same, or any of the^m, & marked with such markes as shalbe limitted to the makers, by y^e sayde wardens of the sayde towne in maner and forme abouesayd: & weaued & sealed by any of the wardens of the sayde townes of Lyn and Parmouth in forme aboue remembred: by force and vertue of this present act maye be lawfully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same, withoute any other marking or sealinge vpon the sayde clothes, or vpon any of them to be had or made by any other wardens, dwelling or abiding without the sayd towne, and without any arrest, seizure, or forfaiture to be had or made of or vpon any of the sayde clothes, for lacke of any other seales or markes, anye thinge conteined in the sayde former acte, made in the sayde seuenth yere of kinge Edward the forth, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And ouer this be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that every crafts man of the said mistry & occupation of worstede making, dwelling within any of the sayd townes of Lin & great Parmouth, and suburbes of the same at their owne free wylles and lyberties from henceforth for euer, may haue & take apprentice or apprentices (beynge male) of the age of. xiii. yeres and

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and bywarde, and beyng the kinges naturall subiectes, for the terme of. viij. yeres and not vnder, so that none of them excede the numbre of two at once to lerne, vse, and exercise the sayd crafte within either of the sayd townes of Lyn & great Parmouth or suburbs of the same: All be it the father of the same apprentices or apprentice, may not expende in any landes & teneimēts to the yerely value of xx. s. any acte or ordinaunce to the contrary made or to be made notwithstandinge.

Provided alway, that this present act nor any thinge therein conteyned, be not in any wise hurtefull or prejudiciale to the mayre of Norwiche, or to his successours, or to the wardens of the sayd Citye and county, or to their successours, in any point article, power, or auctority, other thā for wocuinge serching & sealinge of worstedes, saies & stamins made or to be made only within the sayd townes of Linne & Parmouth or suburbs of the same, or to any of thē. And for limittinge of markes to the maker of worsteds, saies and stamins, only enhabited in either of the sayd townes or suburbs therof & taking of apprentices, in fourme aboue remembred: but that ȳ sayd maire of the sayd city of Norwiche, & wardens of the said city and county, and ēvery of them may haue and vse all other pointes, articles, powers, & auctorities conteyned and specified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the sayd, viij. yere of kinge Edward the viii. as well for ȳ serche, sealyng, correction and reformation of the sayd wardens newly to bee elect by vertue of this present acte, and euerie of them, accouding and after such forme as they may do or vse, any of the sayd wardeins of the sayd city or county, by force of the sayd acte, made in the sayd. viii. yere of kinge Edward the fourth, as all and euerye other inquietes, corrections, serches, sealynges, & reformatiōns to be had, for the true makinge of worstedes, saies, and stamins, in and vpon any person or persons, as well within the sayd townes of Linne and Parmouthe as without, without trouble, lette, or veratio of any of the inhabitauntes of the sayd townes, in as large and ample wise as they mythe haue done before the makinge of this present act: any thinge cōteined in the same present act to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And also prouyded and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd crafts men of worstede weauers inhabited or hereafter to be inhabited within either of the said townes of Linne & Parmouth, or suburbs of the same, and the marchauntes or any other person or persons, whiche shall happen to bye of the same craftes men or any of them, or of any other person, any of the sayd clothes of worstedes, stamins, or saies, made or to be made within either of the sayd townes of Lin and Parmouth, and sealed by the sayd wardens of the same towne to be elect and sworne as is aforesaid, and any of them, shall not shere, die, or put in colour, or calendre, any worstedes, stamins, or saies, made or to be made within either of the sayde townes of Lin & Parmouth, or suburbs of the same, in any other place or places, but onely within the sayd city of Norwiche, or suburbs of the same vpon peine of forfaiture of euery peece of worstede, saies, or stamins to be

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made wþthin any of the said townes of Lyn and Parmouth, or suburbs of the same, or the value thereof, shorne, died, coloured, or calendered by anþe of the sayde craftes men, biers, or marchautes in any other place or places than in the sayd city of Norwich or suburbs of the same: the one half thereto to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other half thereto to such person or persons as shal cease the same: so that the saide worsteds brought to the sayd city of Norwich to be shorne, died, coloured, & calendered, wþchþ out couen or craft of any of the sayd inhabitautes & marchautes, may be shorne, died, coloured, and calendered at and by as conuenient price or prices and in as redy wise as the sayd inhabitautes of either of þ sayd towns of Lyn and Parmouth, & marchantes biers of the sayd worstedes, or other of the sayd citye or county hath had in times past, or hereafter shall haue.

And also that the inhabitautes and marchautes, & every of them, so bringinge their sayd worstedes to þ same city for to be shorne, died, colored, & calendered, be reasonably & lawfully entreated according to þ said act made in the sayd. viij. yere of kinge Edward the fourth, & the ordinances made & affirmed, or hereafter to be made & affirmed for the sayd mistery, without let or disturbance, contrary to the same acte or ordinance in that behalfe.

And be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that no person or persons any time after cþuey or transport into any of the parties of beyond the sea any maner of clothes of worstedes, before the same clothes be shorne, died, colored, & calendered, vpon peine of forfaiture the value therof: the one half to the king our soueraigne lord, & the other half thereto to the party that will sue therfore, by action or plaint of debt in any of the kynges courtes: In whiche action or suite no protection or esjoyne shalbe allowed, nor the offender admitted to wage his lawe. This act to endure to the next parliamēt.

¶ An Act concerninge Englishmen beyng sworne to forren princes. Cap. iii.



Raien the comons in this presēt parliamēt, that wherē many and diuers persons being the kinges subiectes naturally borne wþthin this his realme, haue vndrawn thē selues out of the same realme, and transported them selues with theyz wiues, children and goods, into Holland, Zeland, Barband Flaunders, and into other countreis of forren princes, and there be sworne to the obeisance of the princes, and lordes of the countreis, where they be now inhabited, makyng their great buildinges, and be contributoires to all maner of charges, as þ subiectes of those countreis be: & thus they mainteine as much as in thē is, the cities, borroughes, & townes of those countreis and many mo of the kinges subiectes intend to do the same, if remedy therin be not prouided: whiche subiects borne in England, notwithstandinge, that they this estrange them selues from the kynges obeisance, yet they occupie here in all the portes, hauens, and creekes, cities, borroughes, & townes of England, as freely and as free in custome and subsidy as the kinges subiectes do occupy, and not onely for them selfe, but also colourably for

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for other straungers, their frendes, & partiners, and also make them selues quite and exempte frō all charges within this realme, in prejudice & decay of the cities, townes & boroughes of England: and as for beyonde the sea they will obey to none auctority graunted to þ English nation, by the kynghnes highnes and his noble progenitours, vnder the great seale of Englād and by auctority of parliamente, but they give the selues ouer to þ protection & defence of those outwarde princes, to whom they be sworne subiects. And by these maner of persons much coyne is conueyed out of the Lande. Wherefore be it ordyned and enacted, by the kinge our soueraygne lord & the lordes spirituall & temporall, & the commons in this presente parliamente assembled & by the auctority of the same, that all and euery such subiectes borne in England, and sworne to be subiectes to forren prynces & lordes of outwarde parties, from hēceforth (as lōg as they shall so abide, & be as subiectes to forren prynces & lordes) that from hēceforth so longe they & eueriche of them shall pay such customes, subsidy, tolle, and other impositions within this realme of Englande, as other straungers of those partes wher the sayd Englishemen make their inhabitacion: pay or vse to paye wþthin this sayd realme: And that the knowledge of all and euery such person or persons inhabitautes, and sworne in maner and forme as is before rehersed within the Archedukes countries, that is to say, Holand, Zeland, Brabant & Flaunders onely, shalbe had by certificat there of made by the governor of the marchaunt aventureurs, and the assyntens there for the time being: and also for all other reamels and countrees of forren prynces to be certificid by the kinges moste noble imbasidours, beinge at such tyme there as they shall happen to be in the sayd countrees vpon the kinges affayres, shall likewyse certifie, as is before sayd vnder their seale, into the chauncerye of our soueraigne lord the king: and therupon oute of the sayde chauncerye wittes to be made & directed vnto the customers, controllers, or other officers of the kynges custome, in euery port, hauen, or creke wþin thys sayde realme, to perceiue, leuy, & take all maner of such customes, subsidies, tolles, & other impositions, as is before specified, of all suche goods and marchaundises, as shall belong vnto any such person or persons inhabited and sworne, in maner and forme aboue wittē, as well inward as out ward.

þsoulded alway, that if hereafter it shall happen any such person or persons to retorne into the realme, & here to fary and inhabite: that than he or they shalbe restored to all such liberties and ftedoms in paying of customes or subsidies and other charges, as all other Englishemen do the vse to pay, and to haue a wþyt out of the chauncery for the same, this acte or any thinge therin made, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

An acte concerninge þyfisicions. Cap. v.

And their most humble wise sheweth vnto your highnes, your trūe & faithfull subiects & liege men, John Chambre, Thomas Linacre, Fernandus de Victoria, your þyfisicions, and Nicholas Hallewell,

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John Fraunces, and Robert Yarley, and all other men of the same faculty within the city of London, and vs miles about, that where your highnes (by your most gracious letters patentes, bearinge date at westm. the xxiiij day of Septembre the x. yere of your most noble reign) for the comon welth of this your realme, in due exercisinge and practisinge of the faculty of phisike and the good ministracion of medicins to be had, haue incorporat and made of vs and of our company aforesayd, one body and perpetuall companyalty or felowship of the faculty of Phisike, and to haue perpetuall succession and comon seale, and to chose yeresly a president of the same felowship a comminalty to ouerse rule, and governe the sayd felowship and comminalty, and all men of the same faculty, with diuers other libertes and pruileges, by your highnes to vs graunted, for the comon welth of this your realme, as in your sayde moste gracious letters patentes more at large is specified and conteined, the tenour whereof foloweth in these wordes.



EN RICVS dei gratia, rex Angliae, et Francie, et dominus Hibernie, omnibus, ad quos praesentes litterae peruerent. salutem. cum regii officii nostri munus arbitremur ditionis nostre hominum felicitati omni ratione consulere: Id autem vel in primis fore, si improborum coraribus tempestiue occurramus, apprime necessarium duximus. improborum quaque hominum, qui medicinam magis auaricie sue causa quam vilius, bone conscientiae fiducia profitebuntur, ynde rudi et credule plebi plurima incommoda oriuntur, audaciam compescere. Itaque partim bene institutarum ciuitatum in Italia, et aliis multis nationibus exemplum imitati, partim grauium virorum doctorum Ioannis Chambre, Thomae Linacre, Fernandi de Victoria medicorum nostrorum, Nicholai Halsewell, Ioannis Francisci, et Roberti Yaxley, medicorum, ac precipue reuerensissimi in Christo patris, ac domini, domini Thomae Tituli sancte Ceciliae, trans Tiberim sacrosancte Romane ecclesie presbiteri cardinalis Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, et regni nostri Angliae cancellarii charissimi precibus inclinati, collegium perpetuum doctorum et grauium virorum qui medicinam in urbe nostra Londino et suburbibus intraque septem millia passuum, ab ea urbe quaqua versus publice exercitant, institui volumus atque imperamus. Quibus tum sui honoris tum publice utilitatis nomine cete, ut speramus erit, malicioorum, quorum neminem inscitiam temeritatemque, tam exemplo grauitatemque, sua deterre quam per leges nostras nuper editas, ac per constitutiones per idem collegium condendas punire. Quae quo facilius rite peragi possint memoratis doctoribus Ioanni Chambre, Thomae Linacre, Fernando de Victoria medicis nostris. Nubilago Halsewelli, Ioanni Francisci, et Roberto Yaxley, medicis concessimus, quod ipsi omnesque homines eiusdem facultatis de et in ciuitate praedicta, sint in re et nomine vnum corpus et communitas perpetua, sive collegium perpetuum. Et quod eadem communitas, sive collegium singulis annis in perpetuum eligere possint et facere de communitate illa aliquem prouidum virum et in facultate medicinae expertum in praesidentem eiusdem collegii sive communitatis, ad superuidendum, recognoscendum, et gubernandum pro illo anno collegium, sive communitatem praedictum. Et omnes homines eiusdem facultatis, et negotia eundem. Et quod idem praesidens et collegium, sive communitas habeant successionem perpetuam, et commune sigillum negotiorum dicti communitatis et praesidentis in perpetuum seruitur. Et quod ipsi et successores sui in perpetuum sint persone habiles et capaces ad perquendendum, et possidendum in feodio et perpetuitate terras et tenementa, redditus et alias possessiones quas in quoque.

Concessimus etiam eis et successoribus suis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod ipsi et successores sub possint perquirere sibi et successoribus suis ita in dicta urbe quam exuta terras et teneta quatuor, an quis valorem duodecim librar. non excedenti, statu de alienatione ad manum mortuam non obstante.

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ipſi per nomina præsidentis collegii, seu communitatis facultatis medicinae, Lond. plitari & imprimiti possint coram quibuscunq; iudicibus in curiis & actionibus quibuscunq;. Et q; prædicti præsidentis & collegium siue communitas, & eorum successores congregations licitas & honestas de se ipsis ac statuta & ordinationes, pro salubri gubernatione superius & correctione collegii, seu communitatis prædictae & onniū hominum eandē facultatē in dicta ciuitate seu per septem miliaria in circuitu eiusdem ciuitatis exercen. secundum necessitatē exigentiam (quoties & quando opus fuerit) facere valeant licite & impune, sine impedimento nostri hæredum vel successorum nostro iusticiariorū, eſcætorum, vice comitum, & aliorum balliuorum, vel ministrorum nostrorum hæredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunq;. Concessimus etiam eisdem præsidenti & collegio, seu communitati & successoribus suis, q; nemo in dicta ciuitate, aut per septem miliaria in circuitu eiusdem, exerceat dictam facultatem, nisi ad hoc per dictū præsidentem & communitatem, seu successores eorum, qui pro tempore fuerint, admissus sit per eiusdem præsidentis & Collegii litteras sigillo suo communiſigillatas, sub pena centum solidorum pro quolibet mense, quo non admissus eandem facultatem exercuit, dimidium inde nobis & hæredibus nostris. & dimidium dicto præsidenti & collegio applicandum.

Præterea volumus & concedimus pro nobis & successoribus nostris (quantum in nobis est) q; per præsidentem & collegium prædictæ communitatis pro tempore existen. & eorum successores imperpetuum quatuor singulis annis per ipsos elegantur, qui habeat superius & scrutinium correctionem & gubernationem, omnium, & singulorum dictæ ciuitatis medicorum videntium facultate medicinae in eadem ciuitate, ac aliorum medicorum fortinsecorū quorumcunq; facultatem illam medicinae aliquo modo frequentantium & videntium infra eandem ciuitatem & suburbia eiusdem, siue intra septem miliaria in circuitu eiusdem ciuitatis, ac punitionē eorundem pro delictis suis in non bene exequendo faciendo & vteendo illa. Nec non superius & scrutinium omni modo medicinarum & eorum receptione, per dictos medicos, seu aliquem eorum huiusmodi ligatis nostris pro eorum infirmitatibus curandis & sanandis imponendis, & vteendis, quotiens & quando opus fuerit pro commode & utilitate eorundem ligatorū nostrorum. Ita q; punitio huiusmodi medicorum videntium dicta facultate medicinae, sic in præmissis delinquentium per fines, amerciamenta, & imprisonmenta corporum sacrum, & per alias vias rationabiles, & congruas exequatur.

Volumus etiam & concedimus pro nobis hæredibus & successoribus nostris (quantum in nobis est) q; nec præsidentis, nec aliquis de collegio prædicto medicorum, nec successores sui, nec eorū aliquis exercens facultatem illam, quoquo modo in futur. infra ciuitatem nostram prædictam, & suburbia eiusdem, seu alibi summoneantur, aut ponantur, neq; eorum aliquis sommoneatur, aut ponatur in aliquibus assisis, iuratis, inquestis, inquisitionibus, attinetis, & aliis recognitionibus infra dictam ciuitatem, & suburbia eiusdem imposterum coram maiore ac vicicom. seu coronatoribus dictæ ciuitatis nostræ pro tempore existen. capiendum, aut per aliquem officiarium, seu ministri suum, vel officiarios siue ministros suos summonend. licet iudei iurati, inquisitiones seu recognitiones sommuni. fuerint super breui, vel breibus nostris, vel hæredum nostrorum de recto, sed q; dicti magistri, siue gubernatores, ac communitas facultatis antedictæ & successores sui et eorum quilibet dictam facultatem exercentes, versus nos, hæredes, et successores nostros, ac versus maiorem et vicicomites ciuitatis nostræ prædictæ pro tempore existente) et quoscunq; officiarios, et ministros suos sint inde quieti, et penitus exonerati imperpetuum per præsentes.

Proutiso quod litteræ nostræ, seu aliquid in eis content, non cedent in præiudicium ciuitatis nostræ Lond. seu libertati eiusdem. Et hoc absque fine seu feodo pro præmissis, seu sigillatione præsentium nobis facienda, soluenda, vel aliqualiter, reddenda, aliquo statuto, ordinatione, vel actu in contrarium ante hæc tempora facta, edito, ordinato seu proutiso, in aliquo non obstante. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium, xxiii. die Septembris. Anno regni nostri decim. Per ipsum regem et de data prædicta auctoritate Parliamenti.

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And for so much that the makyng of the sayd corporacion is
meritorious & very good for the comon welth of this your
realme, it is therfore expedient and necessary to prouide,
that no person of the sayde politike body and commynalite
aforesayde, be suffered to exercise and practise Phisike, but
only those persons that be profounde, sad, & discret, groud-
ly leartned and deeply studed in Phisike.

In consideration wherof, and for the further auctorisinge of y same let-
ters patentes, and also enlargeyng of further articles for the sayd common
wealth to be had & made; pleaseth it your highnes with y assente of your
lords spirituall and temporal and the commons in this present parliament
assembled, to enacte, ordaine and establish that the sayde corporacion of the
sayd commynalite and felowship of the faculty of Phisike aforesayde, and
all and euery graunte, article and other thinge contained, and specified, in
the said letters patentes, be approued, graunted, ratifed, and confirmed in
this present parlamente, and clerly auctorised and admytted by the same
good, lawfull, and available, to your sayde bodye corporac, and theyr suc-
cessours for ever in as ample and large maner as maye be taken, thought,
construed by the same. And that it please your highnes with the assent of
your sayd lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in thys your pre-
sent parliament assembled, furtherly to enacte, ordayne, and stablish, that
the sixe persons beforesayd, in your said most gracious letters patentes na-
med as principalle, and first named of the sayde commynalite and felow-
shyppe, chosinge to them twoo moe of the sayde commynalite from hence-
forwarde, be called and cleaped electes. And that the same Electes yeare-
ly chose one of them to be president of the sayd commynalite, and as ofte as
any of the roumes and places of the same Electes shal forture to be voyde
by death or other wylle, than the superuysours of the same Electes (within
xxi. or xl. dayes nexte after the death of theym or anye of theym) shall chose,
name, and admitt one or moe, as neede shall require, of the most conning,
and experte men, of and in the sayde faculty in London, to supply the saide
roume and numbre of eight persons. So that he or they that shalbe so cho-
sen, be first by the sayd superuysours straitly examined, after a forme devised
by the sayde Electes, & also by the same superuysours approued. And where
that in diocleses of England out of London it is not light to finde alwaye
men able sufficiently to examine (after the statute) suche as shalbe admytt-
ted to exercise Phisike in them: that it may be enacted in thys present par-
liament, that no person from henceforth be suffered to exercise or practyse in
Phisike through England, vntill such tyme that he be examined at Lon-
don by the sayd president and thre of the sayd Electes and to haue from y
said president or Electes letters testimonials of their approuyng and era-
mination, except he be a graduate of Oxford or Cambridge, whiche hath ac-
complished all thynges for his forme without any grace.

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An act concerning the high wayes in the wilde of Kent. Ca. vi.



A humble wise besecheth your highnes your true and faithfull subiecte George Gilford squier for your body, that where there is and of tyme whereof mynd of man is not to the contrary hath bene an olde common waye or streete for cariers, and all other passages and busynesse for you and your progenitoures and you and their people in the hundred of Cranbroke, in the wilde of your county of Kent, leading and extending betwene and amonge the lades of the maner of hempstede of the sayd George in the sayde hundred of Cranbroke, fro the bridge called hempstede bridge deuiding the sayd hundred of Cranbroke and the hundred of Roluinden in the same wold of your sayd county to a crosse called Totenden crosse standinge nigh to a greate Oke, named Hempstede oke which is in length vpon a hundred foute score and ten perches: which common way so vsed is in diuers places thereof ryght deepe annoyous for the passage of your people, and also is not so directly leading betwene the sayd bridge and crosse, neither so conimodious for your people as an other way of lyke bredth in other places within and ouer the landes of the sayd maner mought be made.

In consideracion wherof, it maye please your highnesse of your blessed disposition with the assente of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlamente assembled and by the auctoritee of the same to enacte ordayne that it shalbe lefull to your sayde besucher his heires and assignes, owners of the sayde maner of Hempstede, at his and their propre costes & charges at any time on this side h. xxvii. day of May which shallbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. xxvii. by the onetsighte and assent of two Justices of peace of the said county of Kent and vii other discrete men, inhabitauntes within the sayde hundredes of Cranbroke & Roluinden, to assigne, limite and laye ouer and throughe the landes of the sayde manour one other way, for carriages & passages of your grace and of your people and your and their heires and successoures, of as great largenesse in bredth or larger than the sayd olde waye now being is, and as commodious for the sayd carriages and passages, as the same waye now being is or better extending and leading directly betwene the sayde bridge and crosse, so that your grace and your people by the sayd new waye so to be assigned and layed out, shall haue the more easye cartage, and passage, than is or of late tyme hath bene by the sayd olde waye. And that after the sayde new waye so layde out and assigned the sayde carriages, passages and other busynesse there may be as liberally, commonly, and freely from thens forthe there vsed and had for euer, and euery other thinge there exercised & kept, as before this tyme hath bene had and vsed, exercised and kept in the sayd olde waye with out let or interruption of the sayd George his heires or his assignes, or any other personne which hereafter shall haue holde, or possede y. said maner. And that immediately after that the sayde new waye

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(as is beforesayd) to be assigned and limittid shalbe as is abovesayd layed out and fully made, it shall be lefull to your sayde besecher, his heires, and assignes owners of the said manour to enclose the said old way and eueri party therof: And that fro hensforth to holde in seueralty to them, and to their heires and assignes to their owne vse and profit for euer as parcel of the said manour, without any commō way or passage ther fro thensforth to be had or claimed any prescripcō or vse to the contrarie heretofore had not withstanding.

CAnd in consideracion that many other common wales in the said wold of Kent be so depe and noyous by weareing and course of water and other occasions that people can not haue their carriages or passaggs by horses vpon or by the same: But to their great peines,peril, and ioperdye it may be by the sayd auctorite enacted and established, that if any other perso or persons any tyme hereafter in any place within the sayd wold of your said countye, of his good mynd and disposition, without any value of good by him or them to be received for þ same, will for the common weale of your people assigne and lay out a more commodious way in and ouer the lades ther vnto adioyninge wherof the person or other to his vse shalbe ceased of fee in estate of inheritaunce that the same new way so to be assigned and layd out, by oversight and assent of i wo Justices of peace of þ said countye, and xii. other discrete me inhabitinge within the hundred, where any such new way shalbe limittid & layde out, or inhabiting within the same hundred and other hundredes to that hundred nexte adioyninge shallbe fro thensforth holden, occupied, and vised in lyke maner as the olde waye ther now is or before hath bene

CAnd that also the same person or persons, so disposed, visslyng, and accomlyng the same, shall and may for the saide new waye so assygned and vised, retaine and holde in way of recompence for the same new way so to be geuen, þ soyle and grounde of þ olde way in seueralty as is aboue sayd, to him or them and to their heires for euer, in lyke maner as is aboue sayd of the sayd new waye to be assigned at Hempstede. And that þ sayde two Justices of peace, & xii other discrete persons by whose oversight and assent, the sayde new waye at Hempstede, or any other waye by vertue of this acce, shallbe hereafter assigned, limittid and layde out, shal within thre monethes next after the assignement limitacion, & laying out of the same make certificate into the kinges most honorable courte of Chauncery vnder their seales, of the length and bredeth of the same new way or strete & of other thinges adioyning or concerning the same as by their discrecions shalbe thought most expedient or requisite for þ comon welth of that courte to be certifid: And that certificat to be made fro time to time as often as any such new waye or strete shalbe assigned, limittid, and laied out in forme aboue written.

CProvided alway that if any person, or persons, or bodye politike, haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shall haue any churche way or other what so euer

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ever way or passage, ouer or through any maner landes adioyning to any of the sayd olde wayes or stretes, which shall be taken, and vsed by force of this acte, as severall soyle and free holde in recompence for any newe waye to be made & layed out, in fourme aforesaid, or haue or ought to haue hereafter shall haue any landes or tenementes adioyning to the sayd olde waye that they and euery of them, their heires, and successours, shall and maye haue and vsen their sayd waye or wayes, out of and into the sayd newe waye ouer and through the land of the sayd olde waye, or streete, into or ouer the sayd lande or tenement adioyning to the same, & so to passe and repasse as shal appertayne ouer the same olde waye at such conuenient place or places thereof, as therfore shalbe limited and assigned by the sayd two Justices of peace and other xii. men, and by them to be certifyed into the chaunterie among other thinges by the to be certified in fourme aforesaid: any thing in this acte aboue written notwithstanding.

An acte concerning shoting in crosbowes and hand gonnes. Cap. viii.



It enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, by the assent of his lordes spiritual and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled & by auctorite of the same, that euery person and persons having landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, fees, annuitie, or other perely profites in his owne right or in his wifes to the perely value of one hundred poundes, from henceforth may lawfully vsen and shote in crosbowes and hand gonnes, and in euery of them, & retayne and kepe the same: Any thing contained in the acte made at a parliament holden at west minister, in the sixt yere of the raygne of our soueraigne lord, for reformation of shotyng in crosbowes and hand gonnes, and for keping of the same notwithstanding.

And further be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid that al licence s grauantes, and placardes made by our sayde soueraigne lord to any person or persons, before the xx. day of August in the xv. yere of his raygne for shotyng in crosbowes or hand gonnes, or for keppynge of the same, or any of them, shalbe from the feast of saint Michael the archangel next comynge after ly boyd and of none effecte.

And be it further enacted, by the auctorite aforesayde that euery person, not hauning in vsen or possession, landes, tenentes, fees, annuitie, or other perely profites, to the perely value of 10. poundes (as aforesayde) offending contrary to the sayd acte, made in the sayd vi. yere, shall forfaite for euery tym that he shal so offend, but onely. xli. s. and the crosbowes & hand gonnes to be had, recovered, sealed, & leuied according to the sayd former act any thing contained in the sayd former acte of or for any greater penaltie notwithstanding. And that it shalbe leful to all Justices of peace in their sessions and stewardes & baillifses, in their leetes, to enquire of euery person, & persones other

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other than be prouided for by this present acte, offendinge contrary to the said former acte, of or for any great penalty notwithstanding.

¶ And that it shalbe lefull to all justices of peace in their sessions, and ste-wardes and baillifes in their leetes to enquire of every person & persons other than be prouided for by this present acte, offendinge contrary to the sayd former acte: & that vpon all presentmentes had before justices of peace in their sessions, processes shalbe made for leuyng of the sayde xl. s. to the kinges use, in such forme and in lyke maner as is made vpon enditements of riottes, and vpon every presentmente had in any leetes the lordes and owners of the leetes to leue and haue the sayd penalty of xl. s. by way of distresse, accion of dette, or other wise in the which the offender shal not be admitted to wage his law, ne any essayne or protection to be allowed.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritee afore sayde, that no lordes or owners of leetes beare or mayntaine any of their tenauntes or seruauntes within the iurisdiction of their leetes to do or offend contrary to the sayd former act, vpon pena to forfaite for every time so doing xl. s. the one halfe therof to y king our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to the parti that wil sue for the same, by accion of dette, byl plaint or informacion, in which suit no wager of law ne essayne or protection shalbe allowed or admitted. The olde act in al other poyntes, not otherwise prouided for in this acte, to be of force and effect.

¶ An act concerning the six clerkes of the Chauncery to be maried. Cap. viii.



S most humble wise beseecheth your trew & faithful subiectes & dayly seruauntes the sixe clerkes of your high courte of Chauncerie, that wheras of olde tyme accustomed hath bene vsed in y said court y al maner clerkes and ministers of y same courte wryting to y great scale, shold be vnmariid except only the clerke of the crowne: so that as wel y courseours & other clerkes as the sixe clerkes of y said Chauncerie wear by the same custome estrained from mariage, wherby all chose that contrarie to the same dyd mary, were no longer suffered to write in the said Chauncery not onely to their great hinderance, losing therby the benefite of their longe studie and tedious laboures and peines in youthe, takynge in the sayd court, but also to the great decaye of the trew course of the sayd court.

¶ And for as muche as the sayde custome taketh no place nor vsage, but onely in the office of the sayde sixe clerkes but that it is permitted and suffered for maintenance of the sayd courte, that as wel the said courseours as the other clerkes aforesaid, may and doe take wiues and mary at their libertye after the lawes of holy churche, and of longe tyme haue so done, without interruption or lett of any person: It may therefore please your highnes of your most abundant grace, with the assent of the lordes spiri-
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tuall and temporall and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, in consideration of the premisses, and also for that the sayd custome is not grounded vpon any law, to ordeine ens acte, and establishe, that John Treuerthen, Rycharde Welles, Oliver Leder, Johan Croke, Wyllyam Jessen, and John Lemsey, nowe beyng in the office of the sise clerkes of the Chauncery, & euery of them, and all other whiche in time to come shalbe in the same office, & euery of them, may and do take wives & mary at their liberty, after the lawes of holy churche. And that they and euery of them so maryed maye haue, holde, and enioye, their sayd office of sise clerkes in as ample, large, and like manner, as they did or shold do before the sayd espouselles, or as if they had never ben married, the sayd custome or any other custome or ordinaunce heretofore had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwaye, that by any thinge in this acte contained the maister of the Rolles (for the time being) be not prejudiced either in the geuing and disposition of the sayde offices from time to time, as hath beene heretofore accustomed, the forfaiture of that office by reason of mariage onely excepte. And that the sayd officers, which nowe be & hereafter shalbe, do geue such attendance vnto the sayd maister of the Rolles for the time being, as heretofore in the sayd offices hath bene accustomed.

An act cōcerninge the liberty of Cordwainers or shōwmakers. Cap. ix.



By the commons in this presente parliament assembled, that where in the parliament holden at Westmin. in the fourth yere of the reigne of the excellēt prince of famous memory Edward the. iii. late kinge of Englannde your noble graunfathur, among other things it was ordeined, established, and enacted, that no person cordwainer of the city of London, or within three myles next about the same, vpon any sonday of the yeare, in the feastes of the Nativitē or Ascencion of our lord, or Corpus Christi, shold sell, comandaunce or make to be solde any shōwes, bootes, or galeges, or vpon any of the sayd sondaises or feastes, shold put vpon the foote or legges of any person or persoēs any shōwes, bootes, or galeges, vpon peine to forfaite and lose twenty shillinges sterlīng, as osten and whansoever any person shoulde doe contrary to the sayd ordinaunce, or any parcell thereof.

And where by the same estatute it is ordeyned and prouyded, that the same acte shold not extende to the domage or prejudice, nor any manner be hurtefull or prejudiciale to the Deane and Chapiter (for the time beinge) of the free chapell of the kyng, of Sainct Martyns le graunde of London nor to any person or persons, Dwellinge, Abidinge, or Beinge within any place or places in saint Martyns lane in London, or wþin any place or places within the precincte, see, or fraunchyse, of the sayde Deane, or of the saide

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sayde Deane and chapter. Wherefore to the honour of almighty god, and to the intent that the kinges subiectes may be here after at their liberty, as well as the sayd inhabitauntes within the liberties and precinct of the said saint Martines the graund, be it enacted by the auctorite of this presente parliament, that the sayd estatute, made in the parliament holden at westminster in the sayd fourth yere of the reigne of kinge Edward the fourth, stande and be from henceforth viterly voyde and of none effect.

Can act conceninge the huntinge of the Hare. Cap. x.

Co as muche as our soueraygne lord the kynge, and other noble men of thys realme of Englaunde, before this time hathe vsed and exercised the game of hunteynge of the Hare, for their dysport and pleasure, whyche game is nowe decayed and almooste viterly dystroyed, for that that diuers persons in dyuers partyes of i hys Realme, by reason of the trasinge in snow, haue killed and destroyed, and dayly do kill and dystroy the same Hares, by x. xij. or xvi. vpon a daye, to the dyspleasure of our said soueraigne lord y kynge & to other noble men of this his realme. Wherefore be it enacted by our sayd soueraigne lord, by the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys presente Parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same: that no person or personnes of what estate degree, or condicion they be, from hencforth trace, distroye, and kill no Hare in snow with any dogge, bytche, nor other wylle. And that the Justise of the peace within every shire, at every sessions of the peace, and stewardes of leetes shall haue full auctorite and power to enquyre of such offenders. And after such inquisitions found, the sayd Justices of the peace & stewardes of leetes for euery Hare so killed, shall sealle vpon every such offender. vi. s. viij. d. to be forfaited to our sayd soueraigne lord, that shall be so founden by the Justices of peace in their sessions, & the forfaiture found in euery leete to be to the lord of the leete.

Can acte concerninge clothes, called Vesses, made in the county of Suffolke. Cap. xij.



Wimby shewen vnto your highnes your true subiectes & clothiers of your Countie of suffolke, that where in y lute yere of your most noble reigne, it was a i s enacted amounges other thinges, concerninge making of cloth, y any person or persones shall not put any cloth to sale, which whan it is full wet, shall shrinke more than one yard in length, & one quarter of a yard in bredth, for y more part therof: and clothes called nartowes or straits after the rate, vpon peine to forfaite for every cloth otherwise put to sale. vi. s. viij. d. & beside to deduct of his price for y same, to be rebated to the bier therof as muche after the rate, as the same clothes

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cloth so other wise put to sale (beinge full wette) shalbe shronke more than one yarde of that it was in lengthe, time of the same sale, and as it shall (be ynge wette) lacke of the breed of one yarde & three quarters of a yard. And in the same act was and is a prouiso made, after the forme folowing.

þrouþed alwaye, that this acte extende not to wolleyn clothes, called kendalles, nor clothes called carpenell whytes, commonly made for lyning of hosen, nor to any clothes called Costockes, made in the countye of Deuonshyre, nor to any wolleyn clothes made in the county of Cornewall, nor for any Cottons or plaine lininge or frise, made or to bee made in wales, Lancashyre, and Cheshyre, or any of them.

So it is moste gracious soueraigne lord, that Vesses, otherwise called
Set clothes of divers colours, be made in your sayde county of Suffolke
which be made to be worne, and be worne in farre countreis, & not in Eng-
lande, and be of small pices not aboue xii.s. a clothe, that doe not holde the
length nor breadth whan they be wet, which the byers do know wel whā
they bie them, so that therin is no deceite. Which clothes in the thirde yeare
of the reigne of your most noble father kinge Henry the seventh, were pro-
vided for, so that they might lawfully be solde without any penalty or for-
fayture, though they lacked in length or breadth whan they were full wet
and so they haue vsed to do time out of minde.

And in the prouiso made in the sayde acte of the sixte yeare of youre moste
noble reygne they were forgotten & not prouided for, whiche shoulde be to y
tter impoueryshinges of the clothiers of your sayde counte, and all other
that be wrought by reason of clothe makinge wythin the sayde countye of
Suffolke if no remedie shoulde be therfore prouided.

Wherfore your humble subiectes humbly beseech your highnes, that it be enacted by all the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and all the commons in this present Parliament assembled, with your most royll assente to the same: that all clothes called Wesses, otherwise called Sette clothes, what colour so ever they be of, not beyng aboue the value of. xl.s. a clothe, shall not be forfeit, for that they lacke in length & breadth whan they be full wet after the tale of them afore this time made or hereafter be made. The sayd act made in the sixte yere of your most noble reigne, or any other acte heretofore made to the contrary notwithstanding.

An act concerning coiners, that shall coine and make any money
at any mint within this realme of Englande. Ca. p. 1.

SIt enacted by the kyngē our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same: that all suche coiners, as shall coyne and make any money at any mint with in thys Realme of Englande, shall make and coyne of euerye hundred poundes woorthe of Goolde, that they shall strycke into coyne.

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xx.ii. in the coyne of halfe angelles, commonly called peeces of golde of. xl. d.
 And of every hundred poundes worth of Bullyon, Plate, or Siluer, that
 they shall strike into coyne, as many grotes as shall amount to the summe
 of fifty poundes sterlinge: as many halfe grotes called pence of two pence,
 as shall amounte to the summe of xx.ii. sterlinge: as many pence as shall a-
 mounte to the summe of xx.ii. as many halfe pence as shall amount to the
 summe of ten markes sterlingle and as many farthinges as amount to the
 summe of five markes sterlingle. And that at any time that any coyners, in
 any minte within this realme, shall doe contrarye to thys acte, the maister
 and keper of that minte, for the tyme beinge, shall forfayte and lose x. li. The
 one moity thereof to be to the king our soueraygne lord, þ other moity to
 the party that shall sue for the same, by bill, information, action of debte, or
 other wise: wherein the sayd maister shall not be admitted to do his law, &
 no protection ne Essoyne to be allowed for the defendant.

And for as muche as at this present tyme Farthinges and halfe pence be
 striken all with one coyne, so that the common people of the realme manye
 times take these that be farthinges for halfe pence. Be it therefore enacted
 by the auctority aforesayde, that all suche farthinges (that from henceforth
 shalbe made wþin this realme) shall haue vpon the one syde thereof the
 print of the port colice, and vpon the other side thereof the print of the Rose
 with acrosse, vpon like peine.

And furthermore be it enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that all maner
 persons resortinge to þ sayd mint with any plate or bullion, vnder the va-
 lue abouesayd, to be coyned, shall haue and receiue at the said mint þ tenth
 parte of all such plate and bullion in halfe pence and farthinges.

Provided alway, that this acte or any thinge conteined in the same, be
 not in any wise prejudiciale to the Coyners, and minte maisters of Yorke,
 Duresme, and Canterbury, ne to any of them, for any money to be coyned
 there, other than heretofore hath bene accustomed. This acte to beginne to
 take effect at the feast of saint Michaell the archaungell next commynge,
 and not before.

¶ An act cōcerninge the hauen and porce of Southampton. Ca. xiiij.



Here in a parliament holden at westmin, the xiiij. day of
 Octobre, the xij. yere of the reigne of king Henry the vii
 amongs other it was ordeined, established, and enacted
 by the kinge our soueraigne lord, wþ the assent of þ lordes
 spirytuall and temporall & þ commons in the same
 parliamente assembled, for the reformation & remedy of
 the decay of the hauen and porce of Southampton, had
 by reason of divers wres & ingins for fyshynge, made & leued in the same
 hauen, betweene a certaine place called Caisshare, and another place called
 Reedbridge, that it shoulde be lawefull to every man to abate, plucke, & take
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away all and every of the said wares and ingsins, at all times at their pleasure, being in the sayd hauen, betwene the sayd places, called Calshare and Reedbridge, directly, without trouble, let, or veration of any man, wryth divers penalties and forfaytures to all suche persons as hereafter shoulde make or leuye any such wares or ingsins, as in the same act more plainly may appere: The which act was made to endure only the space of xx. yeres than next ensuyng, during which act the sayd wares and ingsins were pulled downe, and the sayd hauen greatly amended, to the succour and cōfort of all the marchauntes there resortinge, the which yeres be now expyred & past, and the same act in no force by the space of. vii. yeres now passed duryng whiche. vii. yeres divers newe wares, gozes, stackes, and ingsins haue bene leuied and enhaunsed, by reason wherof, the sayd hauen is greatly decayed againe, and likely to be lost for euer, to the kinges disherison, & hurt of the common wech of all those partieis, if remedy therfore be not shortly had and prouided: wherfore be it now enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that the same acte and every thinge therein conteined, shall be from henceforth good and effectuall accordinge to the purpore and entent of the same, and to continue for euer.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted, that euery owner, fermer, & occupier of the sayd wares, gozes, and ingsins, and euery of the same, do pulde downe and put awaye the same, a this side the feast of saincte Michaell tharchaungell next comynge, without leuyng, maintaining, making, or repayringe þ same from henceforth, vpon peine of a hundred pounde, to be forfaited & leuied likewise & in like maner, as in the same former act is conteined. This acte to endure for euer.

Can acte concerninge suche as he in the kinges warres ouer or vpon the sea. Cap. viii.

He Kynge our soueraygne Lorde of hys most blessed dysposition well consideringe, that nowe he is broughte into warre of necessity with his auncient enemies, the Frēche kinge and the Scottes, and hat he had and shall haue daily the humble seruice in hys sayde warres, as well of hys nobles as other hys true subiectes: of his mooste especiall grace and benigne fauour, that he beareth vnto his sayde subiectes, and for theyz more suretye and profyte, and for other reasonable considerations hym especially mouinge, by the assent of hys Lordes spytytuall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same hat he enacted, ordeined and established that euerye person and persons, of what degree or condicion hee be of, that shall passe ouer the sea, or that abideth vpon the sea, or beyonde the sea, and be in the kings wages or seruice of warre at this tyme, or hereafter shalbe in

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in any other place duryng his sayd warres in seruice of warre, that euery of them, which haue lands & tenements holden of the kinge or any other to their only vse, shall now lawfully make therof alienation, feoffements and transmutacion of possession, by dede or dedes, fine or fines, recouerye or recoueries, for the perfourmaunce of his or their will or willes, without any fine or fines, for the said alienations, feoffements, fines, recoueries, or transmutacion of possession therfore, or for any of the to be made: And that thei and euery of them, their heires & assignes, & the heires & assignes of euerye of them, by auctority of this presente acte, be discharged of all & euery suche fines, without letters patentes of licee or pardo, or other discharge in that behalfe. And furthermore be it also ordeined and enacted, by the sayd auctority, that if any person or persons, so beinge in the sayde seruice of warre, which hold lands, tenements, or hereditamēts of the kyng or of any other by knightes seruice or otherwyse, wherefore his heire or heires oughte or might be in warde, & fortune in the sayd seruice to decease beyond the sea or vpon the sea, or els where, in the seruice of the kinge in his warres against his enemies, or that any feoffement of the same landes and tenements, be supposed to be made by collusio the heire or heires of the owner of the same lands & tenements being within age: that than the feoffees or executours of euery such person & persons so deceased, haue the warde and mariage of the heire or heires, so being within age, vntill they come to their full & lawfull age. And the landes and tenementes, and other hereditaments so holden, during the nouage of every such heire or heires to the perfourmaunce of the wil of the sayd person or persoēs so deceased without any accompt or sommes of money, or other thinge therfore to be yelden, payinge therout perely the rentes of the chiefe lordē or lordes of the fee of the same, sauinge to euerye person or persons, other then the sayde person or persons, that shal make any such alienation, feoffement, fine, or suffer recouery to be had against him, without paying therfore any fine to the kinge, or the lordē or lordes (of whom the sayde landes be holden) for the same such right, tytle, vse, and interest, as they had before the said feoffement, alienation, fine, recouery, or transmutacion of possession, or any of them made or suffered of any such lands, tenements, or hereditamentes, wherof any such feoffement, fine, recouery or alienation so shall be made. Provided always, that thys act extend not to any capitaine or capitaines, souldiour or souldiours, that now be or hereafter shall be reteygned wythin the townes of Calis, Hammes, Guynes, Rysbanke, Berwike, Wales, or any of them, or marches of the same. Excepte they or any of them procede in army roiall againste the kynges enemys.

God saue the king.





